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Captain Basil Franklin Gray III is the Director for Contracts at the Space and Naval Warfare Systems Command headquarters in San Diego. SPAWAR is the Navy's Agent responsible for developing, acquiring, and fielding command, control, communications, computers and intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance systems.

The Captain began his Naval career through the Naval Reserve Officers Training Corps program at Jacksonville University in Jacksonville, Florida. In 1980, he received a Bachelor of Science degree in Management and was commissioned an ensign in the Naval Supply Corps. After completing the basic supply officer course in Athens, Georgia, he was assigned to USS Stump (DD 978) as disbursing and sales officer.

In 1983, then Lieutenant Gray, reported to Naval Air Systems Command, Washington, D.C., where he served as a budget and cost analyst for the Light Airborne Multi-Purpose System helicopter and Penguin missile programs. He followed this assignment with a tour as assistant business and financial manager for the Navy's jet training system (T-45TS). He returned to sea duty as supply officer aboard USS Fife (DD-991) forward-deployed at Yokosuka, Japan.

As a Lieutenant Commander he served as contracting director for Naval Supply Center, San Diego. During this tour he was instrumental in establishing the Fleet and Industrial Supply Center prototype. In 1993, he served as a supply corps officer detailee at the Bureau of Naval Personnel in Washington, D.C. In 1995, he was promoted to the rank of Commander and July 16, 1996 he assumed Command of Defense Contract Management Command Lockheed Martin-Sanders. Captain Gray returned to San Diego in March 1999 as supply officer aboard USS Boxer (LHD-4).

In August 2000, he became the fifth Commanding Officer of U.S. Naval Regional Contracting Center in Singapore, responsible for installation management, air terminal operations, morale welfare and recreation and shore logistics throughout Southeast Asia. His command and detachments in Hong Kong, Manila and Jakarta were critical to the war against terror and Operation Enduring Freedom.

Captain Gray is a graduate of the Naval Postgraduate School where he earned a Master of Science Degree in Management. He also graduated from the Industrial College of the Armed Forces with a Master of Science Degree in National Resources Strategy. While at ICAF he completed the Defense Acquisition University's Senior Acquisition Curriculum.

Captain Gray is a qualified Surface Warfare Supply Corps Officer and Naval Aviation Supply Officer. His personal decorations include the Legion of Merit, Defense Meritorious Service Medal, Meritorious Service Medal (three awards), Navy Commendation Medal, and the Navy Achievement Medal.